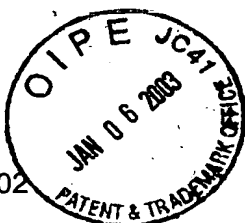


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Greg HETHERINGTON  
Serial no. : 09/898,948  
Filed : July 3, 2001  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROCESSING FREE-FORMAT DATA  
Group Art Unit : 3624  
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

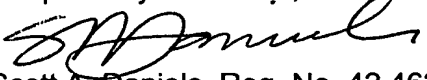
**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension, in order to respond to the official action mailed June 27, 2002, thereby extending the term for response to and including **December 27, 2002**. A check in the amount of \$460, based on the Applicant's small entity status, is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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